Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

    1-41   (canceled without prejudice)

    42.   (currently amdended) A conference endpoint comprising:

a CPU;

a telephone line interface for coupling said conference endpoint to a
telephone line;

a network interface for coupling said conference endpoint to a computer
network;

a microphone for generating near speech signals for transmission over said
telephone line, said near speech signals being representative of speech
of a near conference participant;

a speaker for converting to sound remote speech signals received from a
remote device over said telephone line, said remote speech signals
being representative of speech of at least one remote conference
participant;

a data conference initiation module, coupled to said network interface and
to said telephone line interface for transmitting a data conference
initiation request to a conference server over said computer network,
for receiving a data conference code generated by said conference
server, wherein said data conference code, when presented to said
conference server by said remote device, authorizes said remote
device to join said data conference, and for responsively transmitting
over said telephone line a data conference invitation to said remote
device, said conference invitation including information
representative of said data conference code; and

a memory for storing one or more files containing conference data distributed by said conference server via said computer network during a data conference,

wherein said CPU is coupled to said telephone line interface, said network interface, said data conference initiation module, and said memory.

43.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 42, wherein said data conference initiation module transmits said conference initiation request in response to a predetermined user input.

44.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 42, further comprising a display device coupled to said network interface for displaying said conference data.

45.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 42, wherein said conference data comprises video information.

46.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 42, wherein the data conference initiation module is further configured to transmit a conference join request to said conference server over said computer network responsive to a received conference invitation.

47.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 42, wherein said conference invitation comprises a string of Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (DTMF) tones.

48.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 42, further comprising a web browser for displaying said conference data, wherein said conference data comprises text and graphical information.

49.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 42, wherein said data conference initiation module is further configured for transmitting over said computer network a data conference invitation to said remote device.

50.   (currently amdended) A method for initiating and managing a data conference from a near conference endpoint, comprising:

at the near conference endpoint:

establishing a connection over a telephone line with at least one remote conference endpoint;

transmitting a data conference initiation request to a conference server over a computer network;

receiving from the conference server a unique data conference code corresponding to said data conference initiation request, wherein said data conference code, when presented to said conference server, authorizes said at least one remote conference endpoint to join said data conference;

generating an audio signal representative of said data conference code;

transmitting said audio signal to said at least one remote conference endpoint over said telephone network; and

receiving one or more files containing conference data distributed by said conference server via said computer network during said data conference.

51. (previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the act of generating an audio code comprises generating a string of DTMF tones.

52. (previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the act of transmitting a data conference initiation request is performed in response to a predetermined user input.

53.   (currently amdended) A method for initiating and managing a data conference at a conference server, the method comprising the acts of:

at said conference server:

receiving a conference initiation request from a first conference endpoint over a computer network;

generating a conference code in response to said conference initiation request, wherein said conference code when presented to said conference server by one or more second conference endpoints authorizes said one or more second conference endpoints to join said data conference;

transmitting said conference code to said first conference endpoint over the computer network;

maintaining a list of data conference participants based on received data conference join requests from said first and said one or more second conference endpoints; and

distributing one or more files comprising conference data to said data conference participants over said computer network.

54.   (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the act of distributing one or more files comprising conference data comprises transmitting a web page.

55.   (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein said conference data is representative of a document.

56.   (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein said conference data is representative of a presentation slide.

57.   (previously presented) The method of claim 53, further comprising the act of converting at least one of said one or more files from a first format to a second format.

58.   (currently amdended) A machine readable medium having embodied thereon a program, the program being executable by a machine to perform method acts for coordinating a data conference utilizing electronic means, the method acts comprising:

at a near conference endpoint:

transmitting a data conference initiation request to a conference server over a computer network;

receiving a conference code from said conference server over said computer network in response to said data conference initiation request, wherein said conference code, when presented to said conference server by at least one remote conference endpoint, authorizes said at least one remote conference endpoint to join said data conference;

generating an audio signal representative of said conference code;

transmitting said audio signal to said at least one remote conference endpoint over a telephone line; and

transmitting one or more files comprising conference data to said conference server for distribution to said at least one remote conference endpoint via said computer network during said data conference.

59.   (currently amdended) A machine readable medium having embodied thereon a program, the program being executable by a machine to perform method acts for coordinating a data conference utilizing electronic means, the method acts comprising:

at a remote conference endpoint:

receiving an audio signal representative of a conference code from at least one conference endpoint over a telephone line wherein said conference code, when presented to a conference server by said remote conference endpoint, authorizes said remote conference endpoint to join said data conference;

transmitting a data conference join request including said conference code to [[a]] said conference server over a computer network in response to receiving said audio signal; and

receiving one or more files comprising conference data distributed by said conference server via said computer network during said data conference.

60.   (currently amdended) A conference endpoint comprising:

a CPU;

a telephone line interface for coupling said conference endpoint to a telephone line;

a network interface for coupling said conference endpoint to a computer network;

a microphone for generating near speech signals for transmission over said telephone line, the near speech signals being representative of speech of a near conference participant;

a speaker for converting to sound remote speech signals received from a remote device over said telephone line, the remote speech signals being representative of speech of at least one remote conference participant;

a data conference initiation module coupled to said network interface and
to said telephone line interface and configured to receive over said
telephone line interface from a remote conference endpoint a data
conference invitation including information representative of a data
conference code, wherein said data conference code, when presented
to a conference server by said endpoint, authorizes said endpoint to
join said data conference, and further configured to transmit a data
conference join request including said data conference code to
[[a]]said conference server over said computer network in response to
the received conference invitation; and

a memory for storing one or more files containing conference data
distributed by said conference server via said computer network
during a data conference,

wherein said CPU is coupled to said telephone line interface, said network
interface, said data conference initiation module, and said memory.

61.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 60, further
comprising a display device coupled to said network interface for displaying said
conference data.

62.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 60, wherein said
conference data comprises video information.

63.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 60, wherein said
data conference invitation comprises a string of dual tone multi-frequency (DTMF) tones.

64.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 60, further
comprising a web browser for displaying said conference data, wherein said conference
data comprises text and graphical information.

65.   (previously presented) The conference endpoint of claim 60, wherein said
data conference initiation module is further configured for receiving over said computer
network a data conference invitation from said remote conference endpoint.